

MILLER OPPOSES STATE INDUSTRIAL COURT MEASURES

Believes Bill Goes Too Far in State Control of Labor and Industry.

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ALBANY, Feb. 28.—Labor leaders are gathering from all over the State to voice their opposition not only to the Duell-Miller bill, which will be given a special hearing in the Senate chamber by the Joint Committee on Labor and Industry to-morrow afternoon, but also on the Miller bill which would create a commission of 100 to investigate labor disputes.

So far as the first measure, which would create an industrial relations court with powers to award damages, is concerned, it appears to be dead, for it has the opposition of Gov. Miller. He is particularly against that section of it which empowers the Industrial Relations Court to adjudicate the question of wages, which, he says, is a matter of contract and can't be properly made the matter of judicial determination.

The present law empowers the State Industrial Commissioner to appoint a panel of 100 citizens, but the members are drawn from the Senatorial districts, one from each district. The proposed amendment would have four members from each judicial district. This board of inquiry shall investigate all grievances between an employer and a "majority" of his employees, during which time there shall be no lockout or strike.

Protests from the New York Real Estate Board and the United Realty Owners against the Downing-O'Connor bill to equalize the New York City tax rate prevented Gov. Miller from signing that measure before he left to-day for Washington.

As the bill must become a law by midnight if it is to be effective, Lieut. Gov. Wood, who becomes Acting Governor, is this afternoon holding a public hearing on the bill, which was introduced at the request of Comptroller Craig, who held that unless certain county charges in the 1922-1923 tax levy were made city-wide in character the levy, which must be confirmed by the Board of Aldermen to-morrow, might be invalidated. It was rushed through the Legislature last week and sent to Mayor Hylan. He signed the measure yesterday.

When the bill was returned to Gov. Miller, Edward P. Doyle for the Real Estate Board and Stewart Browne for the United Realty Owners protested its constitutionality. The Governor

IRISH TREATY HAS MAJORITY OF SIX VOTES IN THE DAIL

Griffith Says Provisional Government Will Work in Harmony With Parliament.

DUBLIN, Feb. 28 (Associated Press).—Continued control of the Dail Eireann by the party favorable to the Anglo-Irish Treaty, although by a narrow majority, was shown at the resumed session of the Dail to-day, the first test of strength resulting in a vote of 56 to 50, with the Collins-Griffith party casting the larger number.

Eamon De Valera and other of the Republicans raised the question of the Dail's supremacy over the Provisional Government, Mr. De Valera saying that unless this were made clear it would be impossible for him and his party to remain in the chamber.

Messrs. Griffith and Collins gave the assurances required, Griffith adding that if the Dail was to "be made the means of harrying the Provisional Government," he must vigorously protest. Every member of the Provisional Government, he continued, would work in harmony with the Dail.

Michael Collins declared he was responsible to the Dail for what he did in the capacity of Dail Finance Minister, but for what he did "in other capacities" he was responsible only to the electorate.

The exchanges between the Republicans and the Free State adherents were at times most acrimonious. Shortly after the Dail reassembled a division was taken on the ratification of the appointment of Patrick J. Hogan as Dail Minister of Agriculture. The vote was 56 to 50 in his favor and showed the strength between the Republicans and Free Staters.

When the Dail met at 11.45 o'clock Arthur Griffith made a brief Ministerial statement, recounting the events since the last meeting of the body and asked for the ratification of Ministerial appointments.

The appointment of Joseph McGrath as Minister of Labor was then left the matter in the hands of his temporary successor.

If the bill becomes a law the city-wide tax rate for the City of New York will be 2.74.

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"where she came in on this, and she said: 'I don't want a thing but the pleasure of having the contract signed in my office. It will help me in a business way.'"

During the time Mrs. Wilkenning claims she was negotiating in behalf of Miss Pickford, the witness continued, several offers were received by the actress. One of them, she stated, was from the Universal Film Company, which was expected to amount to \$20,000 a week. Each of these offers, she declared, was communicated to Mr. Zukor, with whom Mary finally made a two-year contract at \$10,000 a week.

Mrs. Pickford testified also that Mrs. Wilkenning, who had got Jack Pickford a two-year contract at \$150 a week, accepted \$75 as her fee when she refused to pay her 10 per cent. or 5 per cent. on the whole two years' salary.

Mary said she had planned early in 1916 to leave Zukor because one of her secretaries reported a Mr. Kaufman had put her secretaries out of their office into the hall. She testified that this was one of several instances of unpleasantness, and that she went to Zukor to ask release from her contract.

"He said: 'Mary, you're excited. Go home and think about it, and if you're of the same mind to-morrow I'll let you go.'"

She said she returned next day to quit, but agreed to make one more picture. Later, she said, Dennis O'Brien, her representative, reported Zukor denied he had released her, but would hold her to her contract.

She testified that at that time Mrs. Wilkenning met her at the studio, where it was generally known she was

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to-day submitted to Judge Mulqueen, of General Sessions, by the additional Grand Jury, under Foreman William C. Popper, based on that body's month of investigation of complaints against "bucket shops" and the sale of securities by false representation.

After calling to the mind of the court that the jury had examined a large number of witnesses and a quantity of documentary evidence, they stated that they heartily endorsed efforts to obtain protective legislation.

"We have reached the conclusion," the jury declared, "that such legisla-

tion should provide as follows: "1. That before any security is offered for sale to the public the corporation or association issuing it shall be investigated and the value of that security, after determination, be made public.

"2. That every person or concern doing business as a broker or dealing in securities, and every exchange through which securities are sold or traded in or in any way handled, be licensed by the State.

"3. That the same supervision now given to banks and insurance companies be given to brokers and exchanges, and that frequent investigations be made by the State into the affairs and transactions of such brokers and exchanges.

"4.—That these concerns be under the supervision of the Secretary of State, the State Banking Department or another department to be created, and such department should act in concert with the departments of the State controlling the issue of securities of corporations.

"5.—That the records of the department having such supervision should,

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under proper safeguards, be open to any one having a legitimate interest therein.

After a tribute to the assistance given by the District Attorney, the jury asked the court to urge the enactment of such legislation as would be necessary to effect the foregoing recommendations.

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